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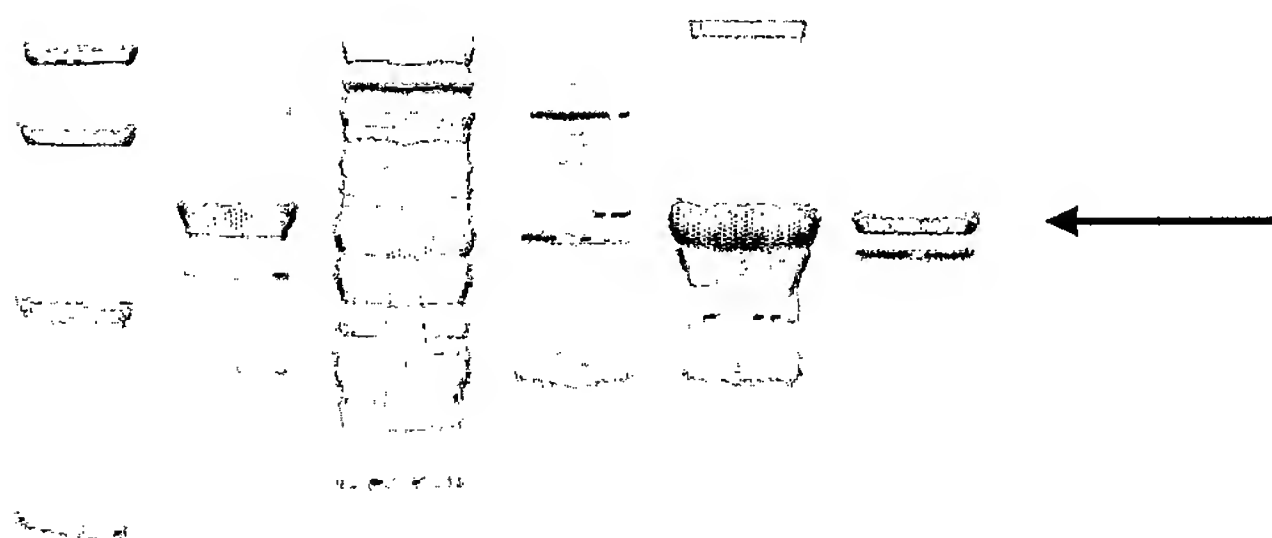
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N-terminal fragment thereof (NK polypeptide)
by expression of a nucleic acid encoding said NK
polypeptide in a microbial host cell, isolating of
inclusion bodies containing said NK polypeptide
in denatured form, solubilization of the inclusion
bodies and naturation of the denatured NK
polypeptide, which is characterized in that in
said nucleic acid at least one of the codons of
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codons at positions 33, 35 and 36 is CGT, results
in an improved expression yield.

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